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WIRE SERVICES

AP -- BARRY SCHWEID FROM PEKING

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE COMPLETED AN EXTENSIVE OUTLINE OF US
FOREIGN POL FOR HIS CHINESE HOSTS TODAY, BUT A SPOKESMAN
SAID KEY ISSUE OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND
CHINESE GOVTS WAS 'ONLY TOUCHED ON.'"

OTHER POINTS:

-- SPOKESMAN CARTER SAID TALKS WERE USEFUL, SERIOUS,
BUSINESSLIKE. SO FAR, SUBSTANCE HAS BEEN BASICALLY US
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EXPOSITION OF GLOBAL STRATEGY. ADDED VANCE HAD PRESENTED
GREAT DEAL OF MATERIAL BUT NO WRITTEN PROPOSALS. HUANG
ASKED A FEW QUESTIONS.

-- AT BANQUET, HUANG EMPHASIZED TAIWAN PROBLEM BY REFER-
RING TO HUA SPEECH WHICH RESTATED CHINESE CONDITIONS FOR
NORMALIZATION.

-- VANCE AFFIRMED CARTER ADMIN'S INTEREST IN NORMALIZING, BUT GAVE NO HINT OF MEETING COMMUNIST DEMAND TO CUT TAIWAN ADRIFT. OFFICIALS SAID ADMIN WOULD AVOID EVEN APPEARANCE OF ABANDONING TAIWAN.

UPI -- JIM ANDERSON FROM PEKING

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE CONFERRED WITH FONMIN HUANG FOR SECOND TIME TODAY BUT MENTIONED ONLY IN PASSING CORE ISSUE OF VISIT, NORMALIZATION OF SINO-US RELATIONS."

OTHER POINTS:

-- NEGOTIATIONS TO BREAK THIS AFTERNOON. US OFFICIALS SAID NO MEETING SCHEDULED WITH HUA, ALTHOUGH THEY EXPECT ONE TO TAKE PLACE.

-- SPOKESMAN CARTER SAID "REAL BACK-AND-FORTH" DISCUSSION WOULD TAKE PLACE WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY. FIRST 2 MEETINGS DEVOTED TO VANCE EXPOSITION OF US GLOBAL POLICY.

-- AT BANQUET, VANCE SAID US WANTS TO "IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH FORMER ADVERSARIES." ALTHOUGH HUA SPEECH HAD RESTATED CHINESE CONDITIONS FOR NORMALIZATION, HUANG TOAST SKIRTED ISSUE, REFERRING TO HUA SPEECH BUT NOT QUOTING HIS UNCLASSIFIED

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STRONG LANGUAGE.

-- US OFFICIALS EXPECT TRIP TO BE EXPLORATORY, BUT WARNED IF NO PROGRSS AT ALL MADE, CHINA MIGHT SEEK BETTER RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS.

REUTERS -- IAN MACKENZIE FROM PEKING

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE AND FONMIN HUANG TODAY BEGAN TALKS ON IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR 2 COUNTRIES. BUT (SPOKESMAN CARTER) WAS UNABLE TO SAY AFTER TODAY'S...TALKS WHETHER VANCE HAD MORE THAN TOUCHED ON THE ISSUE KEEPING THE 2 COUNTRIES FROM ESTABLISHING FULL DIPLOMATIC TIES -- THE QUESTION OF TAIWAN...."

OTHER POINTS:

-- AMERICANS CLEARLY HOPING FOR MORE SUBSTANTIAL CHINESE CONTRIBUTION TO TALKS WHEN THEY RESUME TOMORROW.

-- VANCE SAID LAST NIGHT CARTER COMMITTED TO FULL DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH CHINA, BUT CHINESE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THIS

CAN ONLY OCCUR WHEN US BREAKS TIES WITH TAIWAN.

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TALKS ESSENTIALLY EXPLORATORY. LITTLE, IF ANYTHING,
CONCRETE EXPECTED TO EMERGE.

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NY TIMES -- FOX BUTTERFIELD FROM PEKING (P-1)

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE APPEALED TODAY FOR MUTUAL EFFORTS BY
CHINA AND THE US TO FIND WAYS TO MOVE TOWARD NORMALIZATION
OF RELATIONS AS HE BEGAN FOUR DAYS OF TALKS WITH CHINESE
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LEADERS."

OTHER POINTS:

-- APPEARED TO INDICATE HE HOPED TO FIND FORMULA UNDER
WHICH US COULD DISENGAGE FROM TAIWAN WITHOUT SEEMING TO
ABANDON IT.

-- CHINESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS LARGELY STAGNANT FOR 3
YEARS. SIGNS CHINESE ARE GROWING IMPATIENT WITH SLOW PACE
OF US WITHDRAWAL FROM TAIWAN, WHICH THEY FELT WAS PROMISED
IN 1972.

-- VANCE MET AT AIRPORT BY HUANG. NOTES HUANG NOT MEMBER
OF POLITBURO; KISSINGER MET BY OFFICIAL WITH RANK AT LEAST
OF POLITBURO MEMBER ON EACH OF 7 TRIPS. US OFFICIALS SAID
THEY DID NOT REGARD THIS AS SIGNIFICANT, BUT IT IS MARK OF
CAUTIOUS, NONCOMMITAL ATTITUDE ON PART OF CHINESE.

-- IN HUANG'S TOAST, NOTED PROBLEMS REMAIN IN RELATIONS
BETWEEN 2 COUNTRIES. DINNER HELD IN SMALLER ROOM THAN
THOSE FOR HAK; CORRESPONDENTS WHO HAD BEEN ON EARLIER
TRIPS NOTED THERE WAS NO ORCHESTRA FOR THIS TRIP AS THERE
HAD BEEN BEFORE. ONLY CHINESE GUESTS AT HEAD TABLE BE-
SIDES HUANG AND HUANG CHEN WERE 2 LEADING SCIENTISTS,
PERHAPS INDICATING CHINESE INTEREST IN TECHNOLOGICAL
PURCHASES, BUT NOT MAJOR POLITICAL FIGURES.

-- HUANG'S TOAST AND HUA'S SPEECH SAID CHINA'S CONDITIONS
FOR NORMALIZATION UNCHANGED.

-- VANCE TOAST MORE OPTIMISTIC. SEC LOOKED "SURPRISINGLY
WELL-RESTED AND CHEERFUL AFTER HIS MISSION TO MIDEAST."
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-- US OFFICIALS DECLINED TO COMMENT ON REPORTS VANCE HAS

BROUGHT VARIETY OF PROPOSALS FOR US DISENGAGEMENT FROM
TAIWAN.

WASH POST -- JAY MATHEWS FROM PEKING (P-1)

LEAD: "US AND CHINA BEGAN THEIR FIRST HIGH-LEVEL TALKS IN
2 YEARS TODAY, WITH NO MEMBER OF RULING CHINESE POLITBURO
AT THE BARGAINING TABLE."

OTHER POINTS:

-- ABSENCE OF POWERFUL FIGURES INDICATES CHINESE DESIRE TO
APPROACH NEW US GOVT SLOWLY, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF CON-
TINUING US-TAIWAN TIES.

-- FIVE YEARS AFTER SHANGHAI, HUANG SAID IN TOAST THERE
ARE "STILL PROBLEMS" IN US-PRC RELATIONS, AND MADE CLEAR
MAIN PROBLEM IS TAIWAN.

-- NOTES DIFFERENCES IN WELCOME GIVEN VANCE: NO DANCING
GIRLS, SMALLER ROOM, FOOD "A CUT BELOW" WHAT CHINESE FED
HAK.

-- US OFFICIALS REFRAINED FROM COMMENT, BUT VANCE SEEMED
SATISFIED WITH LOW-KEY WELCOME, WHICH FIT HIS PREDICTION
THAT LONG, GRADUAL EFFORT NEEDED TO SOLVE TAIWAN ISSUE.

-- HUA SPEECH REASSERTED CHINESE POSITION ON NORMALIZATION.

-- YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS CONSISTED OF EXPOSITION BY VANCE
OF US POLICY IN VARIOUS PARTS OF WORLD. US OFFICIALS SAID
VANCE WANTS TO SHOW CHINESE HOW COOPERATION CAN BE MU-
TUALLY BENEFICIAL.

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-- NO INDICATION YET WHETHER VANCE WILL MEET HUA OR TENG.
HAK SAW MAO ON ALL PEKING VISITS EXCEPT HIS FIRST.

-- CHINA'S NEW POLITBURO READY TO MAKE IMPORTANT DECISIONS
ON FOREIGN POLICY, BUT ITS M-MBERS UNFAMILIAR WITH CARTER
ADMIN. BOTH SIDES SAY THIS VISIT DESIGNED TO CHANGE THAT.

BALT SUN -- HANK TREWHITT FROM PEKING (P-1)

LEAD: "THE CHINESE GOVT GAVE SECSTATE VANCE A CORRECT WELCOME YESTERDAY BUT REMAINED UNBENDING IN ITS TERMS FOR NORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE US. FONMIN HUANG ALSO SERVED NOTICE THAT HIS GOVT, WITH ITS AUTHORITY FRESHLY CONFIRMED, INTENDS TO IMPOSE ORDER AND MAKE CHINA A GREAT POWER. HE IMPLIED THAT US NEEDS TO REORDER ITS PRIORITIES ACCORDINGLY."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE REAFFIRMED GOAL OF NORMALIZATION, BUT CONVEYED NO IMPRESSION THAT US IN A HURRY.

-- NO DISCUSSION OF US-CHINA RELATIONS YESTERDAY. TALKS DEVOTED TO GLOBAL AND REGIONAL ISSUES.

-- AGENDA FOR TODAY INCLUDES BILATERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING PRINCIPAL OBSTACLE TO IMPROVED RELATIONS, THE TAIWAN PROBLEM.

-- US OFFICIALS ESPECIALLY ALERT TO DIPLOMATIC NUANCES YESTERDAY, AND AFTER ARRIVAL THEY HAD NO COMPLAINT. BUT CEREMONIES WERE NEVERTHELESS NOT ELABORATE WELCOME SOME-
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TIMES ACCORDED HAK.

-- BY END OF DAY, VANCE STILL NOT SURE WHETHER HE WOULD MEET HUA OR ANYONE ELSE IN POLITBURO.

-- HUA SPEECH TEXT RELEASED YESTERDAY, INCLUDING RESTATEMENT OF CHINESE CONDITIONS FOR NORMALIZATION. TIMING APPEARED TO BE SIGNIFICANT.

-- VANCE TOAST SPOKE OF DEEPENING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT. IN FACT, US OFFICIALS DOUBT CHINESE WILLING TO COMPROMISE ON BASIC TERMS, AND CARTER ADMIN DOESN'T WANT TO BE SEEN AS ABANDONING TAIWAN. WHAT US IS SEEKING IS WAY TO CIRCUMVENT OBSTACLE.

-- VANCE ALSO SEEKING PROGRESS ON OTHER FRONTS, SUCH AS FINANCIAL ISSUES.

BOSTON GLOBE -- BILL BEECHER FROM PEKING (P-1)

LEAD: "EXCHANGE OF TOASTS AT BANQUET LAST NIGHT ENDING SECSTATE VANCE'S FIRST DAY IN CHINA SUGGESTS THAT IF US

AND PRC ARE TO GET CLOSER DURING THIS WEEK'S TALKS, PROCESS WILL BE SLOW, RHETORICAL AND DIFFICULT."

OTHER POINTS:

-- HUANG WARNED THAT "DRASTICALLY TURBULENT" WORLD SITUATION MAKES WAR INEVITABLE, THAT PROBLEMS STILL REMAIN BETWEEN US AND PRC, AND THAT CHINESE REQUIREMENTS FOR NORMALIZATION UNCHANGED.

-- HUA SPEECH INDICATED IF CHINESE COULD NOT RESOLVE DIFFICULTIES WITH US, THEY MIGHT SWITCH TO POLICY OF CONDEMNATION OF BOTH SUPERPOWERS.

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-- REPORTERS WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED KISSINGER NOTED SMALLER ROOM, ABSENCE OF POLITBURO MEMBERS, LACK OF ORCHESTRA.

-- VANCE DELIVERED "DISPASSIONATE, RELATIVELY BLAND" TOAST THAT STRESSED MUTUAL BENEFIT BOTH SIDES COULD GAIN FROM COOPERATION.

-- IN MEETING YESTERDAY, HE OUTLINED RATIONALE BEHIND US GLOBAL STRATEGY IN EUROPE, MIDEAST, FAR EAST, AND MEDITERRANEAN. TODAY HE WILL COVER AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA, AND CHINESE WILL AIR THEIR VIEWS.

CSM -- FRED MORITZ FROM PEKING (P-1)

LEAD: "BANQUET HALL WAS SMALLER THAN ONE USED FOR VISITS OF HAK. AND NO TOPRANKING CHINESE OFFICIALS TURNED OUT TO TALK WITH SECSTATE VANCE. BUT TALKS ON FUTURE OF US-CHINESE RELATIONS GOT OFF TO SERIOUS, CAUTIOUS START AUG. 22, AMID PARADES, NINE-COURSE BANQUET AND VISIT TO HISTORIC IMPERIAL PALACE."

OTHER POINTS:

-- CHINESE REPEATED ITS UNBENDING STAND ON TAIWAN. HUA SPEECH REITERATED USUAL CONDITIONS, AND HUANG POINTEDLY REFERRED TO IT IN HIS TOAST. BUT DESPITE CARTER ADMIN RECENT STATEMENTS SUPPORTING TAIWAN, HUANG TOAST WAS GENERALLY LOW-KEYED, UNABRASIVE AND CAUTIOUS.

-- UNKNOWN HOW CHINESE WILL REACT TO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ON TAIWAN BROUGHT BY VANCE, WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE EXPLORING WHETHER CHINESE WILL ACCEPT LOWER-LEVEL US DEFENSE COMMITMENT TO TAIWAN TO REPLACE 1954 TREATY.

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-- DISCUSSION THIS FAR HAS CONCERNED ONLY GLOBAL ISSUES.

-- CHINESE PLAYING DOWN VANCE VISIT BY COMPARISON TO PREVIOUS VISITS BY US OFFICIALS. NEITHER HUA, LI NOR TENG ATTENDED BANQUET, AND CHINESE EXPLAINED THAT VANCE WAS ONLY SECSTATE, NOT PRESIDENT OR NAT'L SECURITY ADVISER.

WSJ -- BOB KEATLEY FROM PEKING

LEAD: "US AND CHINESE TALKS ABOUT FUTURE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS GOT OFF TO A CAUTIOUS, NONCOMMITAL START MONDAY, WITH NEITHER SIDE YET ASKING OR PROMISING ANY POLITICAL BREAKTHROUGHS SOON."

OTHER POINTS:

-- ATMOSPHERICS WERE DOWNBEAT; FIRST DAY OF TALKS CONCERNED ONLY GLOBAL POLICY. CHINESE ASKED NO QUESTIONS. BANQUET WAS "RATHER PEREMPTORY AFFAIR. THE DINERS ZIPPED THROUGH 10 COURSES AND TWO BRIEF SPEECHES IN ABOUT 90 MINUTES WITHOUT MUCH NOTICEABLE ENTHUSIASM." FOOD WAS UNEXCEPTIONAL, TOASTS NOT PARTICULARLY INFORMATIVE, ROOM NORMALLY USED FOR MINOR FUNCTIONS, AND FOR FIRST TIME, NO MEMBER OF POLITBURO PRESENT.

-- NOTHING ABRASIVE ABOUT DAY'S EVENTS, BUT PEKING LEADERS SEEMED TO BE HOLDING BACK UNTIL THEY HEAR WHAT VANCE HAS TO SAY ABOUT US-PRC RELATIONS.

-- NORMALIZATION IS MAIN TOPIC FOR WEEK, BUT IT DIDN'T ARISE IN MONDAY TALKS, WHICH WERE CONCERNED WITH VANCE OUTLINE OF US GLOBAL POLICY.

-- IN TOASTS, VANCE SAID US CONSIDERS CHINA RELATIONSHIP A CENTRAL ELEMENT IN OUR FOREIGN POL, AND STRESSED MUTUAL

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BENEFIT WHICH COULD ACCRUE THROUGH COOPERATION.

-- HUANG WAS NONCOMMITAL, NOTED THERE ARE STILL PROBLEMS IN US-PRC RELATIONS. HUA REPORT RELEASED MONDAY RESTATED CHINESE CONDITIONS FOR NORMALIZATION.

-- CARTER ADMIN DOES NOT WANT TO BE SEEN AS ABANDONING

TAIWAN. VANCE WILL BE TELLING CHINESE US WANTS FULL RELATIONS ONLY IF PRC CAN ACQUIESCE TO CONTINUED US INVOLVEMENT THERE. MANY US OFFICIALS BELIEVE PEKING MUST TOLERATE CONTINUED SECURITY RELATIONSHIP AS WELL AS CLOSE ECONOMIC TIES.

-- PRESENCE OF CHINESE ACADEMICS WHO HAVE VISITED US ON EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AT BANQUET MAY INDICATE CHINESE ARE INTERESTED IN MORE IMPORTATION OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES. OVERALL SINO-US ACADEMIC PROGRAM HAS NOT GROWN IN 3 YEARS BECAUSE OF INTERNAL CHINESE PROBLEMS, WHICH MAY HAVE EVAPORATED NOW.

TV NETWORKS

ABC, PETER JENNINGS, "GOOD MORNING AMERICA"

ANCHOR STEVE BELL: SECSTATE VANCE HAS HELD A SECOND SESSION OF TALKS WITH CHINESE LEADERS IN PEKING. BUT THE KEY ISSUE OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH CHINA WAS ONLY MENTIONED IN PASSING SO FAR. IT'S EXPECTED TO BE COVERED IN DETAIL IN NEXT ROUND OF TALKS. ABC'S PETER JENNINGS HAS REPORT ON OFFICIAL WELCOMING BANQUET FOR VANCE PARTY.

JENNINGS: AT THE FIRST BANQUET GIVEN FOR VANCE HERE IN PEKING THERE WAS NO MEMBER OF RULING POLITBURO PRESENT, UNCLASSIFIED

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ONLY VANCE'S OPPOSITE NUMBER, THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER. THE CHINESE HAVE KEPT THE WHOLE VANCE VISIT LOW KEY, WAITING, OBSERVERS BELIEVE, TO HEAR VANCE'S PROPOSALS ON TAIWAN BEFORE RESPONDING MORE WARMLY - OR LESS.

THOUGH CHINESE HAVE NOT PRESENTED THEIR POINT OF VIEW AT OFFICIAL MEETINGS WITH MR. VANCE, THEIR PUBLIC VIEW ON TAIWAN IS WELL-KNOWN. AS LONG AS U.S. MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC AND DEFENSE RELATIONS WITH NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT THERE, PEKING WILL REFUSE TO HAVE FORMAL RELATIONS WITH WASHINGTON. LATE TUESDAY PEKING TIME, THE CHINESE ASKED FOR NIGHT WITHOUT MEETINGS SO AS, MOST PEOPLE BELIEVE, TO DIGEST AMERICAN SUGGESTIONS ON TAIWAN AND OTHER BILATERAL ISSUES.

AMERICANS HAVE DESCRIBED THE MEETINGS AS VERY SERIOUS, THOUGH NO ONE ABLE TO TELL AT THIS POINT WHETHER THIS FIRST MEETING BETWEEN CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND CHINA IS PROVING FRUITFUL.

CBS, BERNARD KALB, MORNING NEWS

ANCHOR RUDD: SECSTATE VANCE HAS FINISHED SECOND DAY OF

TALKS IN PEKING WITH CHINA'S FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA. BETWEEN THEM TWO MEETINGS HAVE RUN ABOUT FIVE HOURS, AND AMERICAN SPOKESMAN SAYS THEY'VE BEEN VERY USEFUL, VERY SERIOUS AND VERY BUSINESSLIKE. IT SEEMS THEY'VE ALSO BEEN VERY ONE-SIDED, WITH VANCE DOING MOST OF TALKING AS WE HEAR FROM KALB IN PEKING.

KALB: IN FACT, IT'S BEEN MORE OF MONOLOGUE THAN DIALOGUE, WITH SECRETARY TRYING TO FIND WAY TO IMPROVE U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS BUT WITHOUT SIMPLY ABANDONING TAIWAN. BUT THAT IS PRICE CHINESE ARE DEMANDING, U.S. ABANDONMENT OF TAIWAN.

AT THEIR RITUAL BUT EXOTIC WELCOMING BANQUET FOR VANCE AT GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE, THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER MADE
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JUST THAT POINT - DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND KALB: IN FACT, IT'S BEEN MORE OF MONOLOGUE THAN DIALOGUE, WITH SECRETARY TRYING TO FIND WAY TO IMPROVE U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS BUT WITHOUT SIMPLY ABANDONING TAIWAN. BUT THAT IS PRICE CHINESE ARE DEMANDING, U.S. ABANDONMENT OF TAIWAN.

AT THEIR RITUAL BUT EXOTIC WELCOMING BANQUET FOR VANCE AT GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE, THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER MADE JUST THAT POINT--DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND CHINA CAN BE HAD ONLY IF US SEVERS RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN AND WITHDRAWS ITS THOUSAND OR SO TROOPS BASED IN TAIWAN.

VANCE, IN REPLY, MADE NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF U.S. TIES TO TAIWAN, BUT RATHER ACCENTED THE US OBJECTIVE OF NORMAL RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

(VANCE QUOTE.)

JUST OUTSIDE GREAT HALL, AND IN FACT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, THE CHINESE WERE WINDING UP THREE DAYS OF MASSIVELY ORGANIZED JAMBOREE, CELEBRATING DECISIONS OF LATEST CONGRESS OF CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY. THE CONGRESS ENDORSED A NEW POLICY ACCENTING ECONOMIC PROGRESS OVER REVOLUTIONARY ZEAL, FOLLOWING PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO SOLVING COUNTRY'S ASSORTMENT OF PROBLEMS. SPECIALISTS ON CHINA BELIEVE THAT ACTION PROVIDES A POSITIVE BACKDROP FOR CURRENT US NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINA. SO FAR NO FIRM EVIDENCE ONE WAY OR OTHER.

NBC, JACK REYNOLDS, TODAY

TALKS ARE TAKING PLACE IN PEKING'S GREAT HALL OF PEOPLE. VANCE WAS GREETED BY FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA AND THE
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CHIEF OF CHINESE LIAISON OFFICE IN WASHINGTON HUANG CHEN.
AT LEAST INITIALLY, THE CHINESE ARE STICKING TO STRICT
PROTOCOL. ON KISSINGER'S TRIPS HE USUALLY MET WITH
HIGHER-RANKING OFFICIALS, BUT ALL THIS IS IN KEEPING WITH
CAUTIOUS AND SOMEWHAT STRAINED ATMOSPHERE THAT SEEMS TO
PREVAIL HERE.

FIRST MEETING DESCRIBED AS MORE OF MONOLOGUE THAN DIALOGUE.
IT RAN TWO AND HALF HOURS. SEC VANCE WAS ONLY SPEAKER.
THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS FROM CHINESE AS HE OUTLINED THE
ADMINISTRATION'S POLICIES ON AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, WITH
WITH EXCEPTION OF TAIWAN. THAT KEY ISSUE IS EXPECTED TO
COME UP LATER AND AT LENGTH.

THE WELCOMING BANQUET WAS GIVEN BY FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG.
IT WAS LOW KEY AFFAIR--ROOM AND CROWDS SMALLER THAN THOSE
AT SIMILAR BANQUETS IN PAST. ANOTHER SUBTLE SIGN THAT

CHINESE ARE ALSO DOWNPLAYING TRIP.

(VANCE QUOTE.)

BOTH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND VANCE MADE THE CEREMONIAL
ROUNDS OF TABLES TOASTING THE GUESTS.

THE CHINESE TRY NOT TO EMBARRASS THEIR GUESTS, ESPECIAL-
LY ON SOCIAL OCCASIONS. SO IN THE TOAST, THE AMERICANS
WERE SIMPLY REFERRED TO CHAIRMAN HUA'S RECENT FOREIGN
POLICY REMARKS AT PARTY CONGRESS. BUT IN THOSE REMARKS HE
SAID TAIWAN IS CHINA'S SACRED TERRITORY; WE ARE DETER-
MINED TO LIBERATE TAIWAN, WHEN AND HOW IS ENTIRELY
CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIR, WHICH BROOKS NO INTERFERENCE
WHATSOEVER. SO ONCE AGAIN THE CHINESE HAVE MADE THEIR
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